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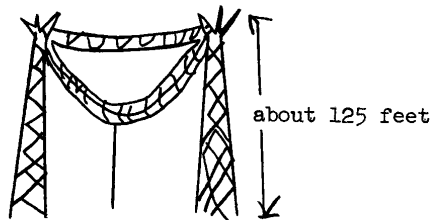
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Radio Towers

- Two radio jamming towers were located at the corner of Pernavas iela and Krisjana Barona iela (see map).¹ the towers were for radio jamming. They appeared as in the following sketch:²



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- One large radio tower, about 125 feet in height, was located close to the Central Railroad Station.
- A tower similar to that in paragraph 2 above was located across the Daugava River from the Central Railroad Station.
- Two pairs of high radio towers were located across the river from the road between Riga and Bolderaja.
- There were two high radio towers at a great distance between Riga and Riga Strand, well back in the forest on the left side as one travels to Riga Strand.
- Two trucks carrying radio antennae were observed at the Riga airfield. One was about one kilometer south of the field. Both trucks appeared not to have been moved for a long time. See sketch on page 2:

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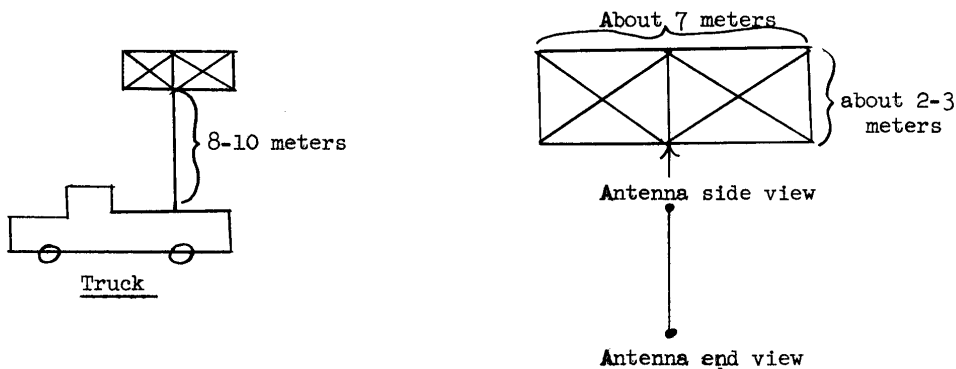
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Riga Airfield

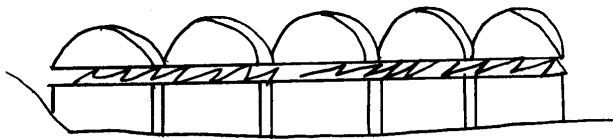
7. The following aircraft were at Riga airfield:

- 1 Aeroflot IL-14, departing for Leningrad.
- 3 biplane trainers.
- 10-15 monoplane trainers.
- 2 MIG-17s, parked outside a hangar, fuselages partially covered with tarpaulins.

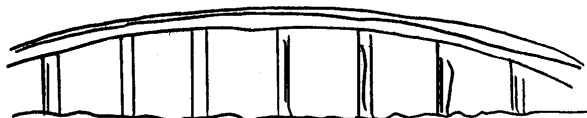
Bridges

8. There were four bridges across the river in Riga, as follows (see map of Riga for locations):¹

- a. Railroad bridge: An iron bridge of five spans. Before World War II, there was a highway bridge alongside, which was destroyed and not rebuilt.



- b. Highway bridge: Also destroyed during the war. It was rebuilt as in the following sketch, probably of concrete:



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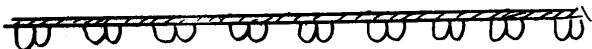
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- c. Pontoon bridge: A very low bridge for autos, made of wood and resting on pontoons. One section opened for water traffic.



- d. Highway bridge: The last bridge downstream in Riga, made entirely of wood. It was built in 1945 in just 92 days and was soon to be rebuilt. One section opened for water traffic.³



Unidentified Installation

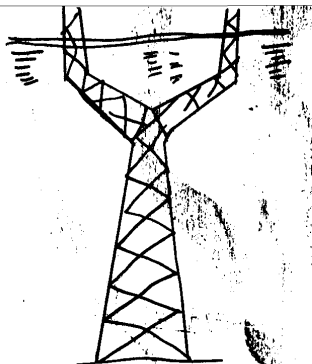
9. Approximately one and one-third kilometers north-northwest of the cemetery at Meza Park there was a fenced, rectangular installation, with guard towers at two corners and one in the very center. Three rail spurs led into the installation, although only one of them had been in use recently. There were many large pipes running laterally in the area. No guards were in sight, nor could any activity be seen.

Power Lines

10. There was a power line approximately 200 meters north of the cemetery at Meza Park which was located in the northern part of the city, said to be quite famous as a burial place for cavalry soldiers killed in World War I. The line was being reconstructed; the tower ~~shown~~ was new, while part of one of the old towers can be seen at the right of the picture. The line ran generally northwest-southeast, but turned slightly to the east at the cemetery. The line had three wires, and the insulators had six discs.⁴
11. A power line similar to that described in paragraph 10 above crossed the road between Riga and Riga Strand, about ten kilometers from Riga. The line ran in a northerly direction.
12. A power line crossed the river approximately halfway between the Riga airfield and Bolderaja. The observation was made on the road between Riga and Bolderaja. The line had three wires, each supported by eight-disked insulators. there may have been two similar lines running parallel

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Guarded Areas

13. Three guard towers were located on the left side of the road traveling from Riga to Riga Strand. Two were close by each other at about the eight-km point from Riga, and one was about nine km from Riga. They were probably guard posts to protect the power line crossing the same road, about ten kilometers from Riga. (See paragraph 11.)
14. The area around the Peter-Paul Church was restricted. Persons attempting to visit ships docked in that vicinity were stopped by an unarmed guard.

Comments:

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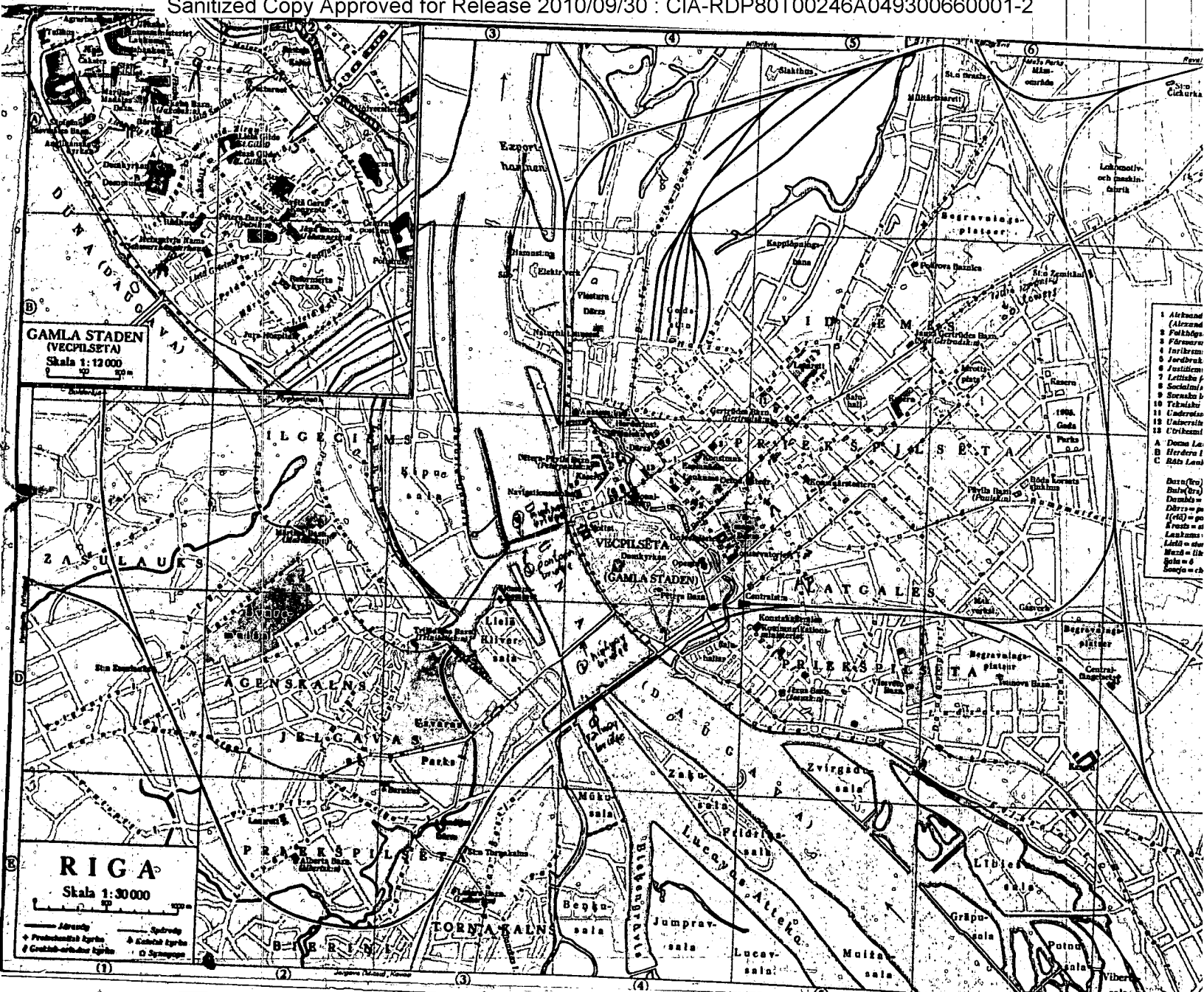
1. [redacted]
2. [redacted]
3. [redacted] the wooden bridge was replaced by a permanent (masonry) structure, with eight piers.
4. [redacted] point 55, locates a transformer station in Milgrevis, north of Meza cemetery, with high voltage lines running west and southeast. Point 153 locates a TES (thermo-electric station) roughly east of the Meza cemetery.

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